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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
4 AT SEATTLE

5 ESPERANZA DIAZ DEL CASTILLO,

6 Plaintiff,

7 v.

8 WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT
9 OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES,
10 et al.,

11 Defendants.

CASE NO. C05-1122JLR

MINUTE ORDER

13 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable
14 James L. Robart:

15 Because Plaintiff has obtained *in forma pauperis* status under 28 U.S.C. § 1915,
16 an officer of the court must effect service of her amended complaint.

18 Unfortunately, Plaintiff's complaint creates ambiguity about who the Defendants
19 are. Plaintiff has named the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
20 as a Defendant in the caption of her action, and has included the designation "et al." Her
21 complaint, however, names only Washington's Attorney General, Rob McKenna, as a
22 Defendant. Her complaint for employment discrimination, however, does not suggest
23 that the Attorney General or his office have any involvement as Defendants. The court
24 therefore assumes that Plaintiff named the Attorney General because he is the statutorily
25 designated agent for service of process on the State of Washington under RCW
26 § 4.92.020.
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The court thus directs the clerk to mail a request for waiver of service in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(d) to the Attorney General of the State of Washington as the designated agent for service of process upon the Washington Department of Social and Health Services. The clerk shall include a copy of this order with the request for waiver of service. If the Attorney General does not agree to waive service, the court will direct the United States Marshal to effect service in accordance with RCW § 4.92.020.

Filed and entered this 22nd day of December, 2005.

BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk

s/Mary Duett
By Deputy Clerk

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